



Chairmanship: Finland

563rd PLENARY MEETING OF THE FORUM

1. Date: Wednesday, 12 November 2008

Opened: 10.50 a.m.
Suspended: 10.55 a.m.
Resumed: 11.20 a.m.
Closed: 11.30 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. M. Kangaste

3. Subjects discussed — Statements — Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: GENERAL STATEMENTS

None

Agenda item 2: SECURITY DIALOGUE

None

Agenda item 3: DECISION ON AN INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH
REGARD TO SAMPLE FORMATS OF END-USER
CERTIFICATES AND RELEVANT VERIFICATION
PROCEDURES

Chairperson

Decision: The Forum for Security Co-operation adopted Decision No. 12/08 (FSC.DEC/12/08), the text of which is appended to this journal, on an information exchange with regard to sample formats of end-user certificates and relevant verification procedures.

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FSC Journal No. 569, Agenda item 3

**DECISION No. 12/08
INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH REGARD TO SAMPLE
FORMATS OF END-USER CERTIFICATES AND RELEVANT
VERIFICATION PROCEDURES**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming its commitment to the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (FSC.DOC/1/00, 24 November 2000),

Recognizing the need of pursuing strict export controls to prevent the destabilizing accumulation and uncontrolled spread of small arms and light weapons (SALW) as set out in the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons, Section III, part A,

Recalling the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in SALW in All Its Aspects (A/CONF.192/15, 20 July 2001) where States affirm their commitment to put in place and implement adequate laws, regulations and administrative procedures to ensure the effective control over the export and transit of SALW, including the use of authenticated end-user certificates and effective legal and enforcement measures,

Mindful of the need to assess the implementation of FSC Decision No. 5/04 on standard elements of end-user certificates and verification procedures for SALW exports,

Recognizing the importance of transparency measures in the area of SALW export control documentation, in particular of end-user verification, which could assist in assessing the level of implementation of existing commitments and could be used as a tool for identifying strengths and possible areas for improvement,

1. Requests participating states to provide a sample format of their national end-user certificate and/or other pertinent documents to all other participating States and the Conflict Prevention Centre by 27 March 2009. Where appropriate, a courtesy translation of the original sample certificate and/or other pertinent documents into one of the official OSCE languages should be attached to the submission;
2. Encourages participating States to provide, together with this information exchange, additional information, as appropriate, on relevant verification procedures for end-user certificates, which might include procedures for signing and approving end-user certificates and for the verification of information provided.

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DECISION No. 13/08
OVERVIEW OF DISPOSAL ASPECTS OF LIQUID ROCKET FUEL IN
THE OSCE AREA

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Reaffirming its commitment to the full implementation of the OSCE Document on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (FSC.DOC/1/03),

Noting that the overview of disposal aspects of liquid rocket fuel in the OSCE area consolidates most suitable practices for the elimination of liquid rocket fuel components,

Also noting, that this overview will provide OSCE participating States with information and analyses for developing policies and for designing general guidelines and procedures for the elimination of their unusable or surplus liquid rocket fuel components,

Acknowledging that this overview could also be useful to OSCE Partners for Co-operation and other United Nations Member States in their efforts to tackle the risks and challenges caused by the presence of stockpiles of rocket fuel in surplus and/or awaiting disposal,

Recognizing the OSCE project work on the elimination of liquid rocket fuel components completed so far and welcoming the extrabudgetary contributions from participating States allowing these projects to be conducted,

Decides:

- To welcome the development of the document Liquid Rocket Fuel in the OSCE Area: Overview of Disposal Aspects, FSC.DEL/443/07/Rev.2, which covers, *inter alia*, general recommendations and practical advice for the disposal of rocket fuel components, and endorse it for publication;
- To task the Conflict Prevention Centre, subject to existing resources and/or extrabudgetary contributions, to ensure the widest possible distribution, including the OSCE Partners for Co-operation and the United Nations, of this Overview.



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**DECISION No. 14/08
FORWARDING OF A DRAFT MINISTERIAL COUNCIL DECISION
TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

The Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC),

Decides to request the Chairperson of the FSC to transmit to the Chairperson of the Ministerial Council the following document:

- Draft decision on small arms and light weapons and stockpiles of conventional ammunition;

Recommends to the Ministerial Council the adoption of the above-mentioned document.